
Cleveland Objection Issues Summary - Monitoring

Objectors:

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Summary:

In general, the Objectors see the monitoring alternative chosen in the Cleveland National Forest's (CNF) decision as inadequate.

CCI objects to the rejection of their proposal that the Forest Service develop a baseline for chaparral data that includes an historical analysis. They state "the USFS's rejection of our suggestion to develop a baseline for the remaining old-growth stands of chaparral because it involved changing goals, ... is not particularly compelling."

Review Team Analysis:

The CNF appropriately applied the 1982 Planning rule requirements to "obtain and keep current inventory data appropriate for planning and managing the resources." Baseline/inventory chaparral data exists for the CNF and it can be found in the 2006 SoCal LMP analysis. The CNF has a clear, well-articulated strategy for the development of monitoring questions related to chaparral based on National Strategic Plan desired conditions and goals and objectives that will serve to inform an adaptive management process related to forest planning. No planning requirement exists for the development of a chaparral historical analysis.

REMEDY(S) PROPOSED BY OBJECTORS

- Reconsideration of the California Chaparral Institute's recommendation to develop a baseline for the remaining old-growth stands of chaparral that includes historical analysis.

INSTRUCTIONS BEING CONSIDERED

- No instruction are needed or recommended.